

# NORTHWEST MOUNTAIN REGION RUNWAY INCURSION ACTION TEAM EVALUATION Spokane International Airport

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## Sedan versus DC-10





## Definition of Runway Incursion

Any occurrence at an airport involving:

- an aircraft
- a vehicle
- a person
- or an object

on the ground that creates a collision hazard or results in loss of separation with an aircraft taking off, intending to take off, landing, or intending to land.



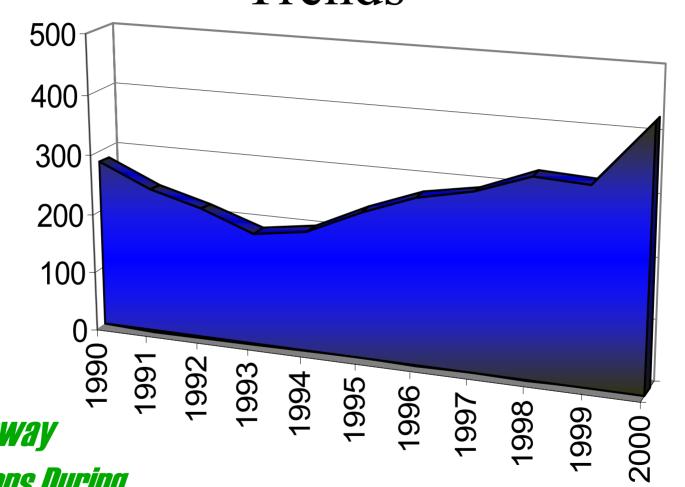
## Runway Incursion Types

Runway incursions result from three types of surface incidents:

- Operational Errors (OE)
- Pilot Deviations (PD)
- Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations (V/PD)

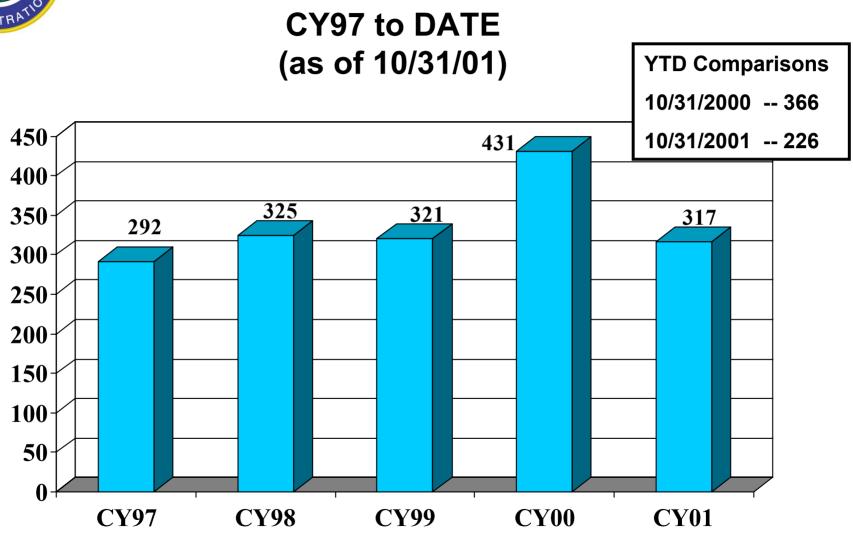


### **Trends**



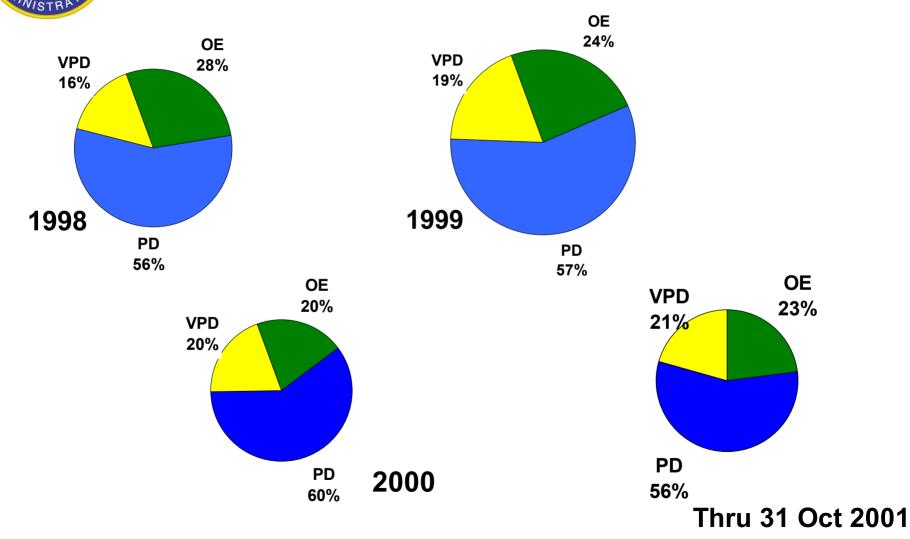
431 Runway Incursions During CY 2000



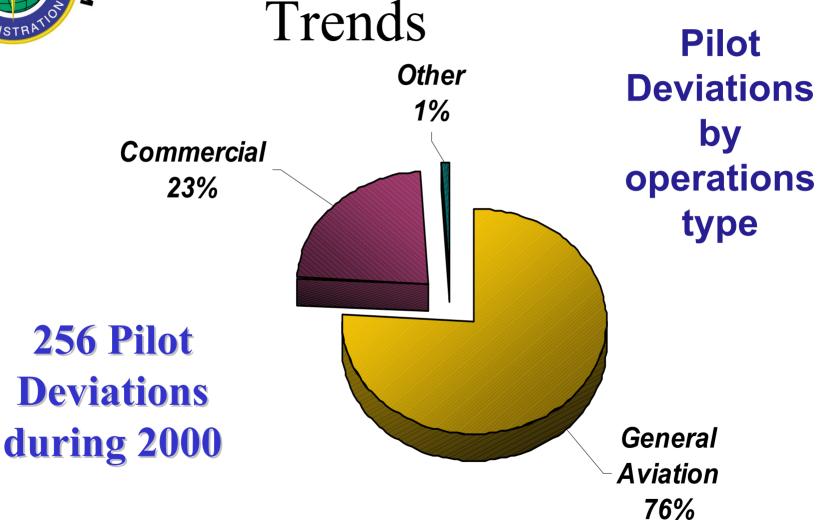




## Trends - Incursions by type









## Top Incursion Airports

#### CY 2000

| LOCATION                                 | LOC<br>ID  | OPS           | RI             | RATE        |
|--|------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| North Las Vegas Arpt, NV                 | VGT        | 229,703       | 16             | 6.97        |
| Montgomery Field/San Diego, CA           | MYF        | 260,235       | 9              | 3.46        |
| Fort Lauderdale Exec, FL                 | FXE        | 263,359       | 9              | 3.42        |
| Merrill Field, Anchorage, AK             | MRI        | 201,148       | 8              | 3.98        |
| Long Beach Arpt, CA                      | LGB        | 416,766       | 8              | 1.92        |
| Logan Arpt, Boston, MA                   | BOS        | 512,985       | 8              | 1.56        |
| Los Angeles, CA                          | LAX        | 786,421       | 8              | 1.02        |
| Jeffco Arpt, Denver, CO                  | <b>BJC</b> | 177,319       | <b>7</b>       | <b>3.95</b> |
| Concord Arpt, CA                         | CCR        | 212,112       | 7              | 3.30        |
| Orange Co/John Wayne Arpt, Santa Ana, CA | SNA        | 405,473       | 7              | 1.73        |
| Santa Barbara, CA                        | SBA        | 163,865       | 6              | 3.66        |
| Lambert Fld, St. Louis, MO               | STL        | 490,779       | 6              | 1.22        |
| Phoenix Sky Harbor Arpt, AZ              | PHX        | 632,360       | 6              | 0.95        |
| Troutdale Arpt, OR                       | TTD        | <b>76,252</b> | <mark>5</mark> | <b>6.56</b> |
| Teterboro Arpt, NJ                       | TEB        | 272,201       | 5              | 1.84        |



## Top Incursion Airports

CY 2000

| LOCATION                           | LOC | OPS     | RI             | RATE        |
|------------------------------------|-----|---------|----------------|-------------|
| San Jose Arpt, CA                  | SJC | 300,365 | 5              | 1.67        |
| Bridgeport, CT                     | BDR | 90,760  | 4              | 4.41        |
| Greater Rockford Arpt, IL          | RFD | 94,571  | 4              | 4.23        |
| McGhee Tyson Airport Knoxville, TN | TYS | 152,330 | 4              | 2.63        |
| Providence, RI                     | PVD | 157,470 | 4              | 2.54        |
| Sarasota/Bradenton Arpt, FL        | SRQ | 174,515 | 4              | 2.29        |
| Palwaukee Muni, Chicago, IL        | PWK | 185,236 | 4              | 2.16        |
| Albuquerque, NM                    | ABQ | 233,632 | 4              | 1.71        |
| Midway Arpt, Chicago, IL           | MDW | 303,192 | 4              | 1.32        |
| Salt Lake City, UT                 | SLC | 370,681 | <mark>4</mark> | <b>1.08</b> |
| San Francisco, CA                  | SFO | 437,186 | 4              | 0.92        |
| Newark, NJ                         | EWR | 461,457 | 4              | 0.87        |
| Cincinatti-Covington Arpt, OH      | CVG | 486,590 | 4              | 0.82        |
| O'Hare, Chicago, IL                | ORD | 914,131 | 4              | 0.44        |



## Sweeper versus DC-9





## RISK ASSESSMENT



## Why We Assessed Data

- As a result of feedback from 2000 Summit, needed to place runway incursions into another context
- Need a better way to track incursions
- Need a better understanding of where incursions happen
- Need a way to analyze data to get at causal factors
- Need to describe clearer picture of runway incursion incidents *Not every incursion is a Tenerife*



### **Definitions**

- A Separation decreases to a point where the margin of safety is so low that the participants <u>barely avoid a collision</u>.\*
- BSeparation decreases to a point where a <u>significant</u> potential for a collision existed.
- Separation decreases, or the potential for separation to decrease exists, <u>but ample time and distance exist</u> to avoid a potential collision.
- Described Described Meets the definition of a runway incursion, with <u>little or no</u> risk of a collision.

<sup>\*</sup> The data contained in category A includes all accidents that occurred as a result of runway incursions (1997-2000), one in LaGuardia, NY & one in Sarasota, FL.

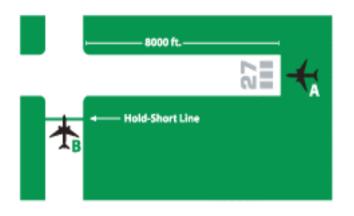
#### Not all runway incursions are "created equal"

#### Case 1

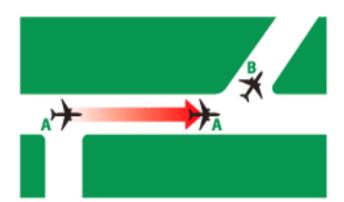
This incident meets the definition of a runway incursion, but there is little or no chance of collision.



This is a severe situation where the margin of safety is so low that a collision is barely avoided.







- ▶ The potential for a collision is low
- Most frequently reported incursion

- ▶ Potential for a collision is high
- Typifies the common perception of a runway incursion
- More severe but less frequent

#### **Runway Incursion Severity**

The two simple cases illustrate that a variety of dimensions can dramatically impact the severity of a runway incursion.

Available Reaction Time

Evasive or Corrective Action

**Environmental Conditions** 

Speed of Aircraft and/or Vehicle

Proximity of Aircraft and/or Vehicle

#### **Increasing Severity**

#### Category D

Little or no chance of collision but meets the definition of a runway incursion

#### Category C

Separation decreases but there is ample time and distance to avoid a collision

#### Category B

Separation decreases and there is a significant potential for collision

#### Category A

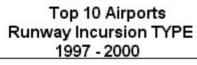
Separation decreases and participants take extreme action to narrowly avoid a collision

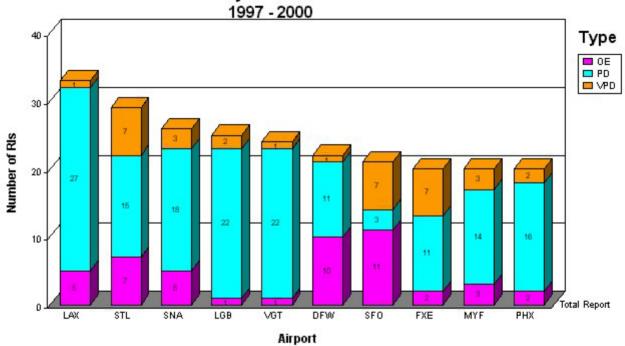
#### **Accident**

An incursion that resulted in a runway collision



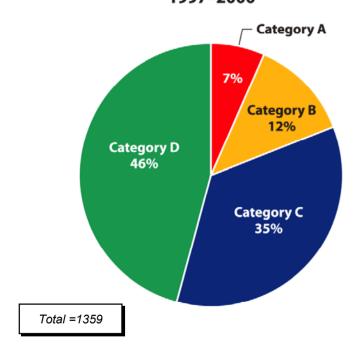




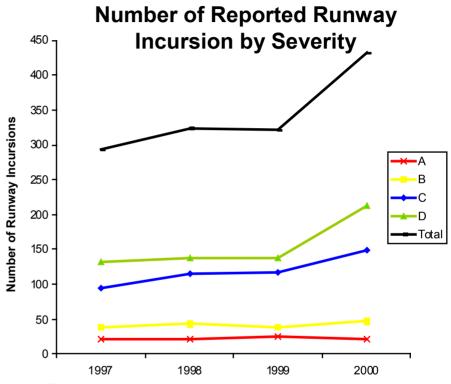


#### **Number of Reported Runway Incursions by Severity**

Figure 4.
Severity Distribution of
Reported Runway Incursions
1997–2000



➤ The distribution of runway incursion severity categories from 1997 to 2000 indicates that the majority (81%) of the incidents was comprised of Category C & D events.



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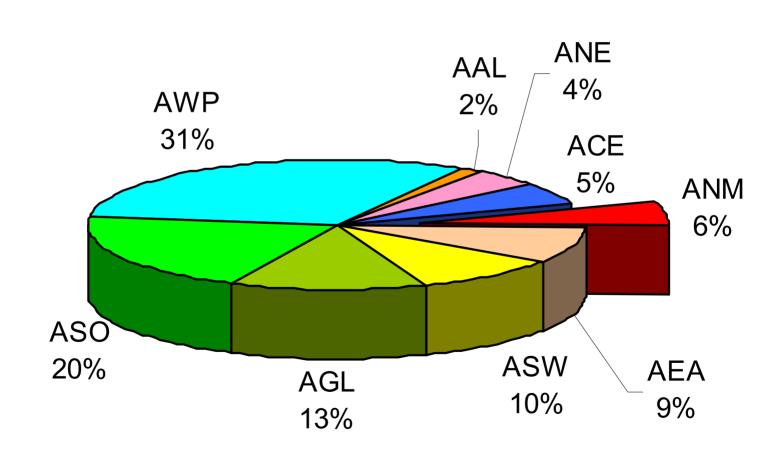
- The total numbers are: 292, 325, 321, 431
- Accidents are listed as A events (1accident in 1997, 2 accidents in 2000)
- Does not include 10 events with insufficient data
- There were 110 more reported runway incursions in 2000 than in 1999. Category C & D events accounted for 106 out of these 110 events.



#### % of Total Runway Incursions



- ANE
- ACE
- ANM
- AEA
- □ ASW
- AGL
- ASO
- AWP





## Primary Causes of Runway Incursions

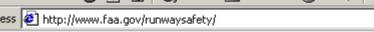
- Breakdown in Pilot/Ground
   Vehicle/Controller Communications
- Lack of Airport Familiarity
- Loss of Situational Awareness



## Snow Plow versus Wingtip















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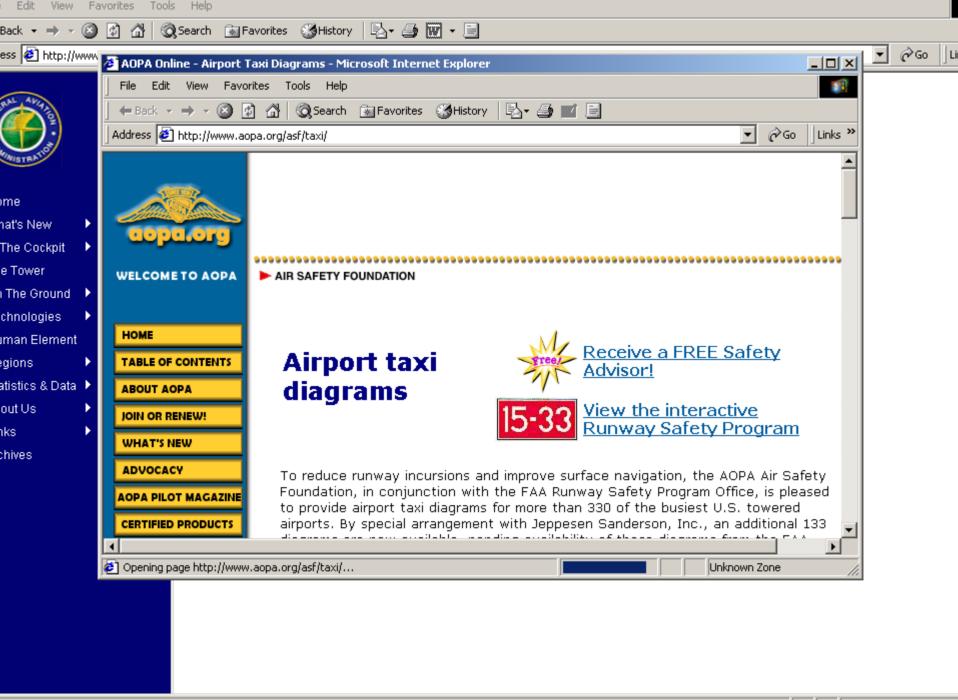
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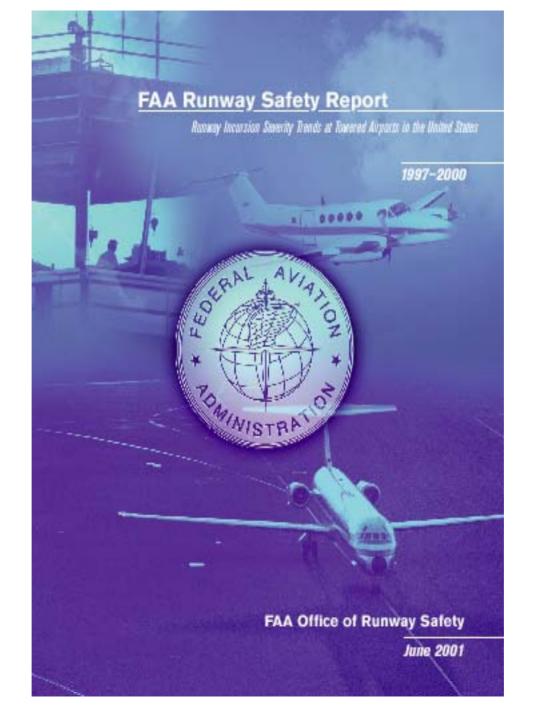
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#### **Airport Signs & Markings Quiz**



#### Start Here

Place the number(s) of each sign or marking matching the description in the description box. (Each sign or marking may be used once, more than once, or not at all.)

|    |  | (Each sign or m | arking may be t | used once, more   | chan once, or no | ot at an.)                          |                                   |
|----|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A. | Indicates you are approaching a runway           |                 |                 |                   |                  | 00                                  | шс                                |
| В. | Shows places you should not taxi an aircraft     | T               |                 |                   | +                | 22                                  | ILS                               |
| C. | Indicates you do, or may,                        | 1 1             | 2               | 3                 | 4                | 5                                   | 6                                 |
|    | need ATC approval to                             |                 | BHB             |                   |                  |                                     |                                   |
| D. | Tells you the runway or taxiway you are on       | ← B             | +               | -                 | 14→              |                                     |                                   |
|    |  |                 |                 |                   |                  |                                     |                                   |
| E. | Sign giving you directions to a runway, taxi-    | . 7             | 8               | 9                 | 10               | 11                                  | 12                                |
|    | way, or other airport des-                       |                 |                 | 257 31.00         |                  |                                     |                                   |
|    | tination   | A ADOLL         |                 |                   |                  | RAMP-                               | THE ARTS THE REAL PROPERTY.       |
| F. | Indicates you're about to                        | 4-APCH          |                 |                   |                  | I I MINIT                           | ¥5-23 ₹ 9-27 ¥                    |
|    | enter an area that could cause interference with |                 | 1               | (Green Lights ON, |                  |                                     |                                   |
|    | an ILS signal                                    | 13              | 14              | Red Lights OFF)   | 16               | 17                                  | 18                                |
| G. | Helps you find your way                          |                 |                 |                   |                  | L 171                               |                                   |
|    | off a runway                                     |                 |                 | 40 - 4            |                  |                                     |                                   |
| H. | Confirms you are cleared                         |                 |                 | 10·5 T            |                  |                                     |                                   |
|    | onto a runway (tower -                           |                 | 100             |                   |                  |                                     | And Annual Property of the Parket |
|    | controlled airport)                              | 19              | 20              | 21                | 22               | 23                                  | 24                                |
| L  | Used to indicate you're                          |                 |                 |                   | <b>✓</b> □       |                                     |                                   |
|    | about to cross a runway approach or departure    |                 |                 |                   |                  |                                     | 9                                 |
|    | path   |                 |                 | 1                 |                  |                                     |                                   |
| J. | Tells you where you                              |                 |                 |                   |                  | Green Lights OFF,<br>Red Lights ON) |                                   |
|    | should hold short of a                           | 25              | 26              | 27                | 28               | 29                                  | 30                                |
|    | crossing taxiway                                 |                 |                 |                   |                  |                                     | TAA D 0740 C4                     |





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## **Advisory Circular**

Subject: PART 91 PILOT AND

FLIGHTCREW PROCEDURES DURING TAXI OPERATIONS AND PART 135 SINGLE-PILOT

**OPERATIONS** 

Date: 6/18/01 Initiated by:

AFS-800

AC No: 91-73

Change:

1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular (AC) provides guidelines for the development and implementation of standard pilot procedures for conducting safe aircraft operations on the airport surface. It is intended for use by Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 91 operators and part 135 operators conducting single pilot flight operations. These guidelines should become an integral part of all standard operating procedures, flight operations manuals, and formal training programs. Standard use of developed procedures should be emphasized during the certification and proficiency training of all pilots. The use of standard procedures for operating on the airport surface should further be emphasized during the flight review (refer to 14 CFR part 61, section 61.56) of all certificated pilots.

NOTE: Pilots operating aircraft under 14 CFR parts 121, 125, or 135 (those part 135 flight operations where 2 or more pilots are in the cockpit) refer to AC 120-XX, Part 121, 125, and 135 Flightcrew Procedures During Taxi Operations.

- **2. FOCUS.** This guidance focuses on the activities occurring on the flight deck/cockpit (e.g., planning, communicating, coordinating), as opposed to the actual control of the aircraft (e.g., climbing, descending, maneuvering). Although there are many similarities, taxi operations for single piloted aircraft, as opposed to taxi operations for aircraft that require more than one pilot, present distinct challenges and requirements. These distinct challenges are elaborated, when necessary, throughout the guidance. An additional section is provided concerning operations at airports without operating control towers. Finally, a section is devoted to the use of exterior aircraft lights in making an aircraft more conspicuous to all other persons directly involved in airport flight and ground operations.
- 3. RELATED READING MATERIAL. The following documents and web sites contain useful information regarding runway safety. FAA ACs can be found on

- Be aware
- Listen!
- Ask questions
- Stick to business
- **STOP** if in doubt
- Read back
- Once again ...



## 10 Ways To Help Prevent Runway Incursions

- 1 See The "Big Picture"
  Monitor both ground
  and tower communications
  when possible.
- 2 Transmit Clearly
  Make your instructions
  and read backs complete and
  easy to understand.
- 3 Listen Carefully
  Listen to your clearance.
  Listen to what you read back.
  Do not let communications
  become automatic.
- 4 Copy Clearances
  Clearances can change.
  Keep a note pad and copy
  your clearance. If needed
  refer to your notes.
- **5** Situational Awareness Know your location. If unfamiliar with an airport keep a current airport diagram available for easy reference.

- 6 Admit When Lost
  If you get lost on an airport ask ATC for help.
  Better to damage your pride than your airplane.
- 7 Sterile Cockpit
  Maintain a sterile
  cockpit until reaching
  cruising altitude. Explain to
  your passengers that talking
  should be kept to a
  minimum.
- 8 Understand Signs, Lights And Markings Keep current with airport signs, lights and markings. Know what they mean and what action to take.
- **9** Never Assume
  Do not take clearances
  for granted. Look both ways
  before entering or crossing
  taxiways and runways.
- 10 Follow Procedures
  Establish safe
  procedures for airport
  operations. Then follow them.



### ANM Points of Contact

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We Respond



## Pickup Truck versus B-747





# Local Problems require local Solutions

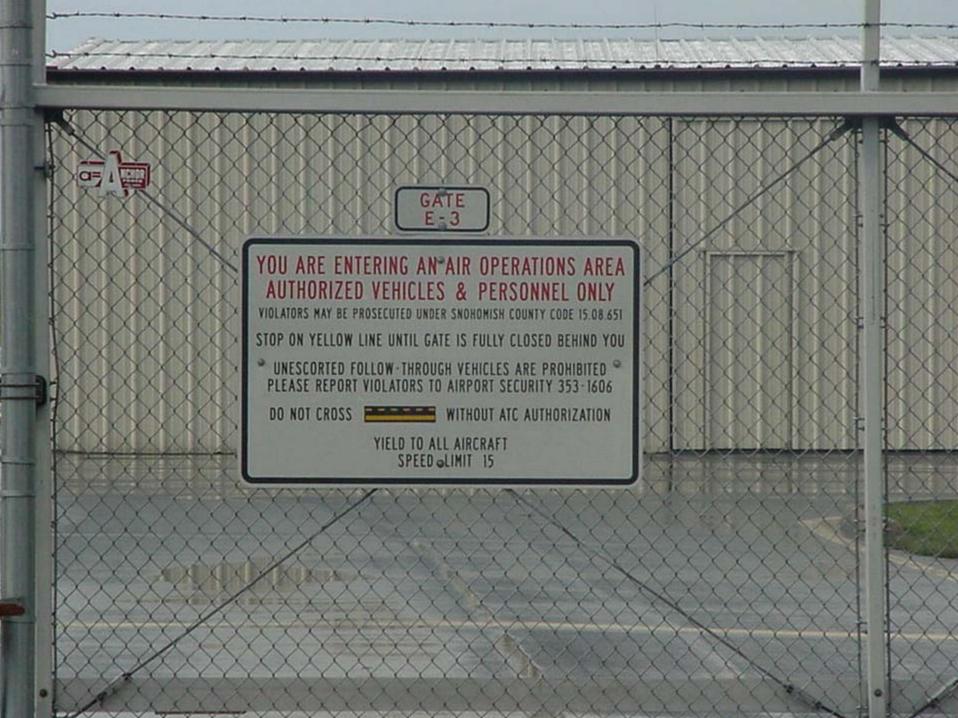






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1000' Runway Visual Range





### **Hold Short**



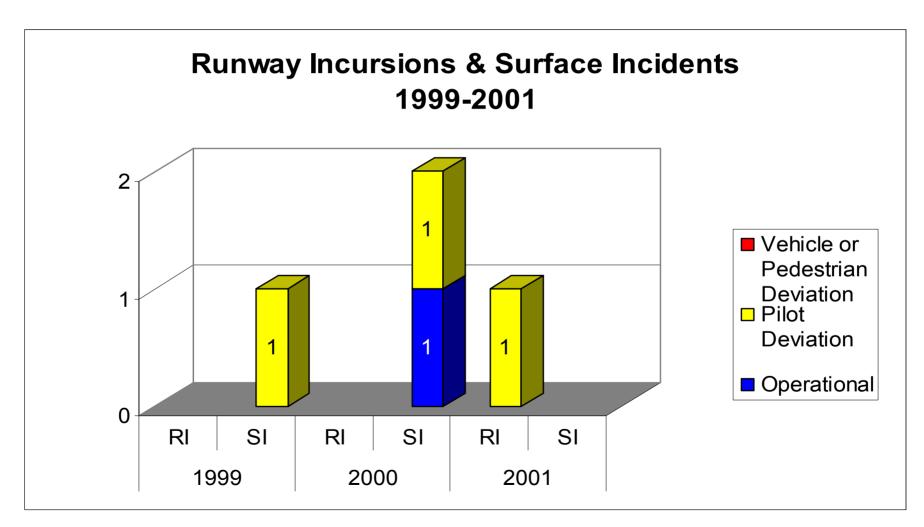


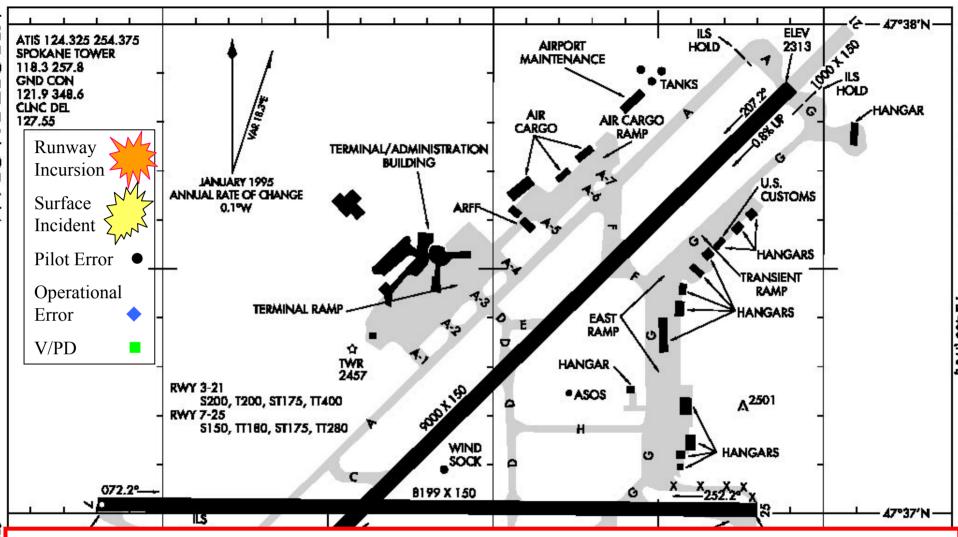
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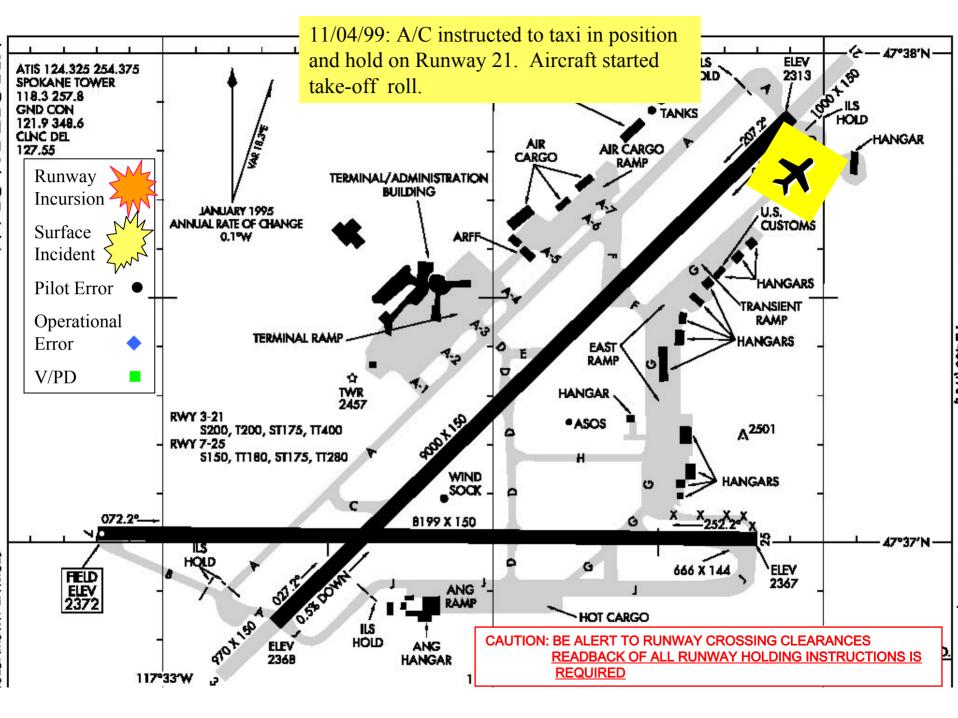


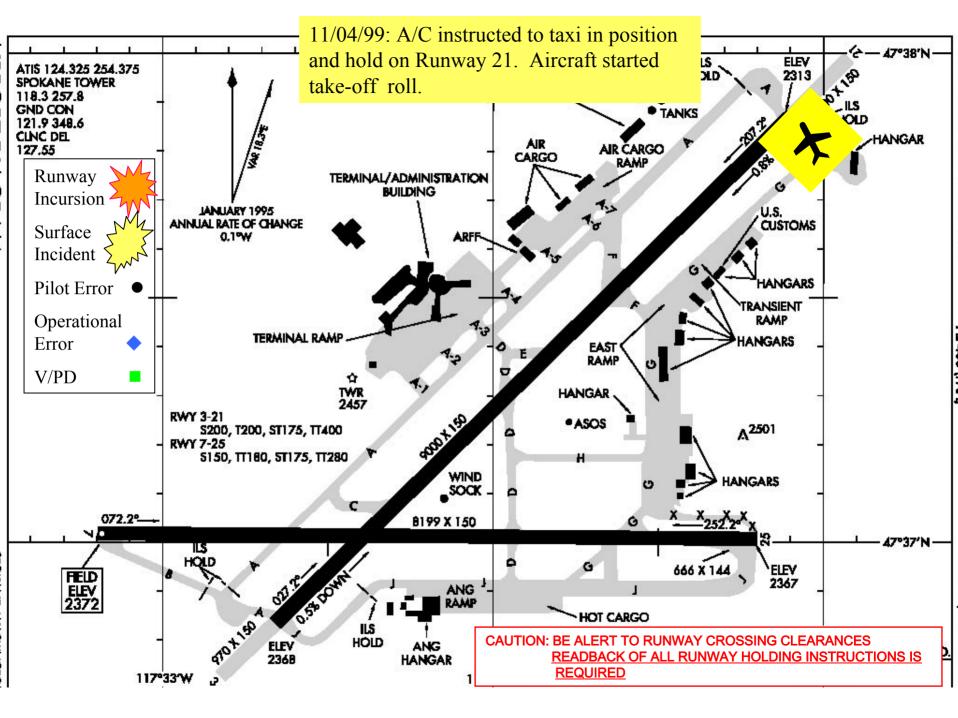
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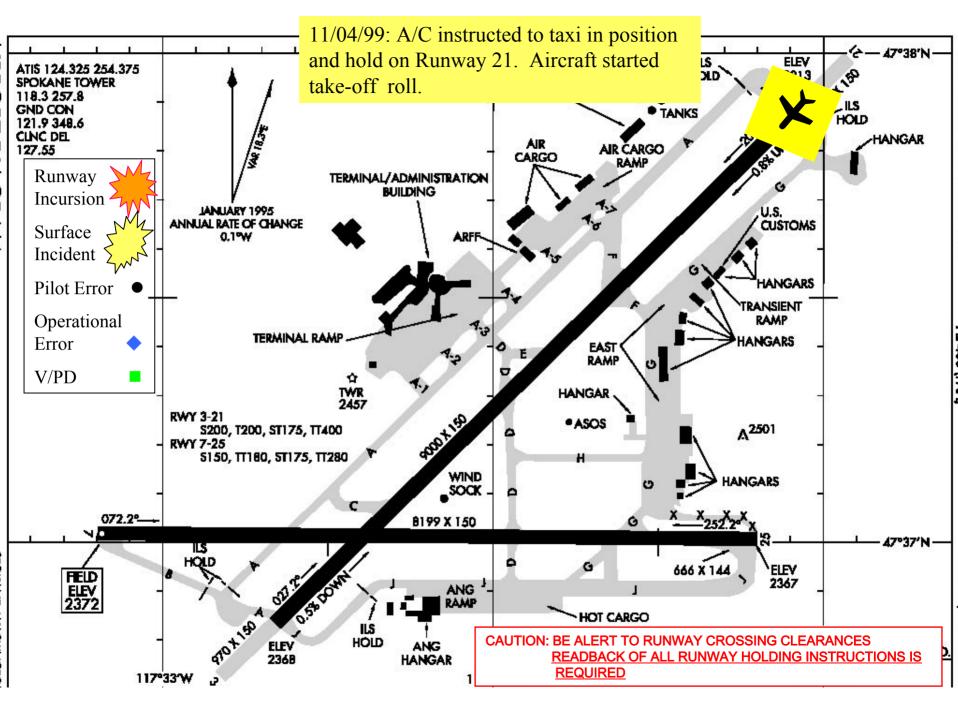


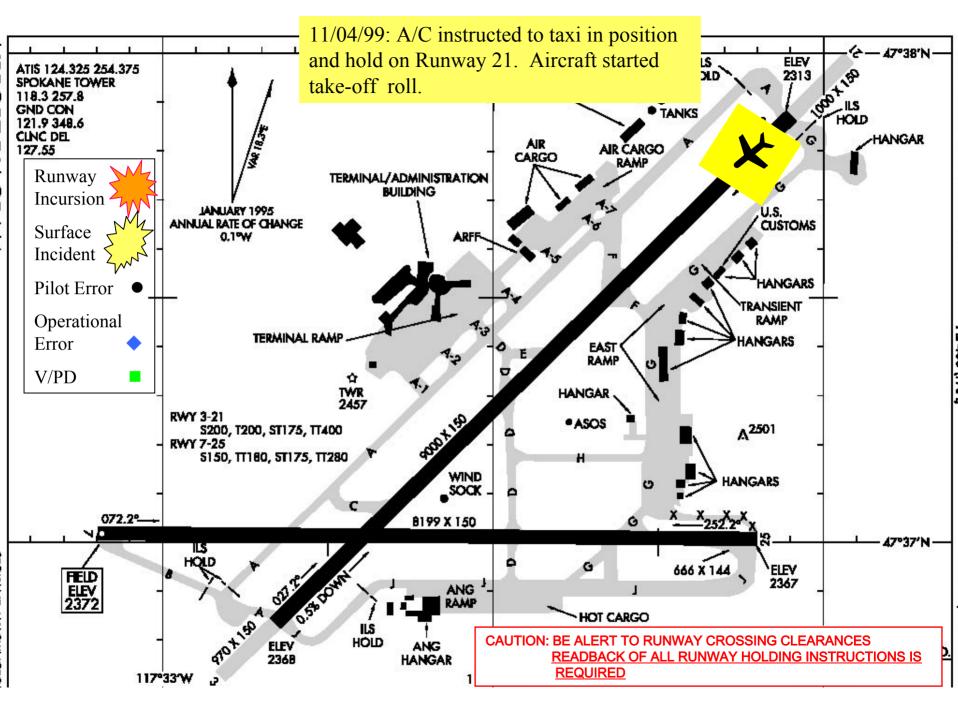


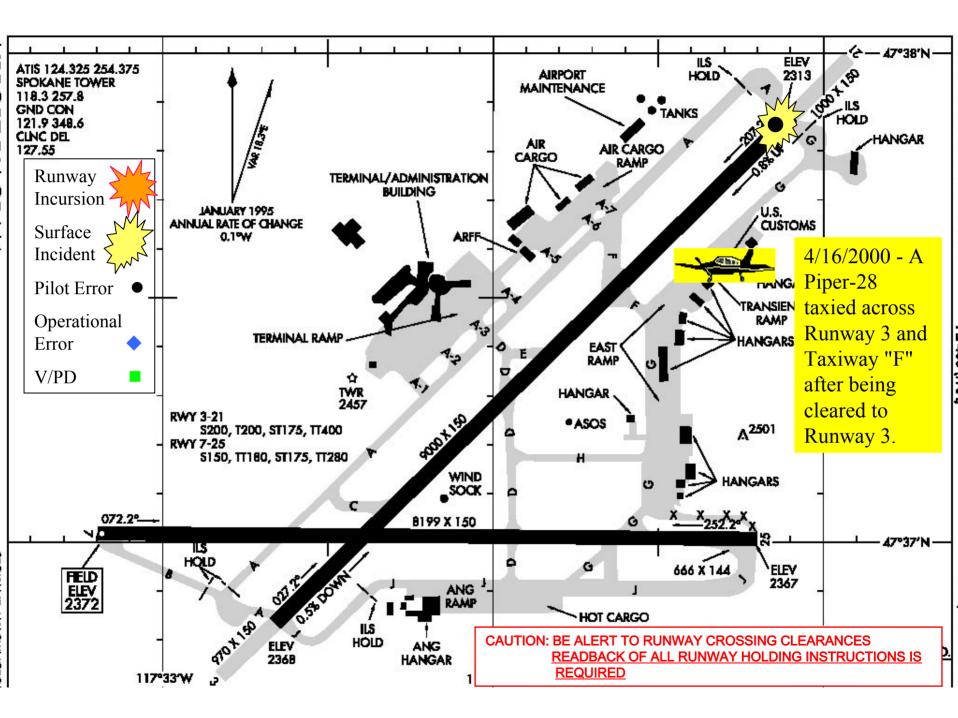
CAUTION: BE ALERT TO RUNWAY CROSSING CLEARANCES
READBACK OF **ALL** RUNWAY HOLDING INSTRUCTIONS
IS **REQUIRED** 

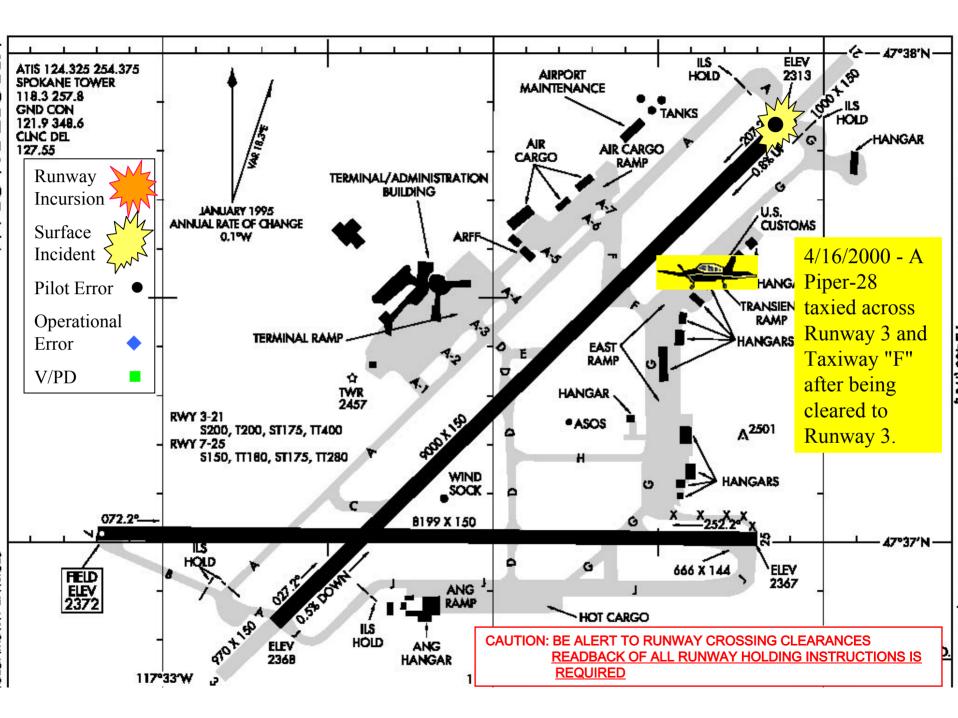


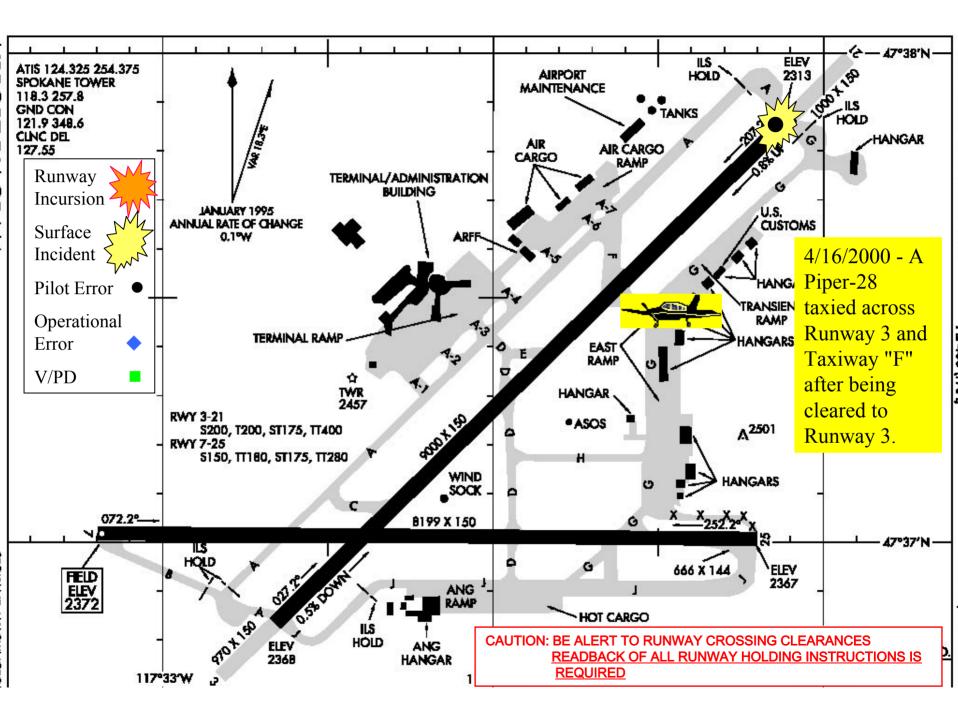


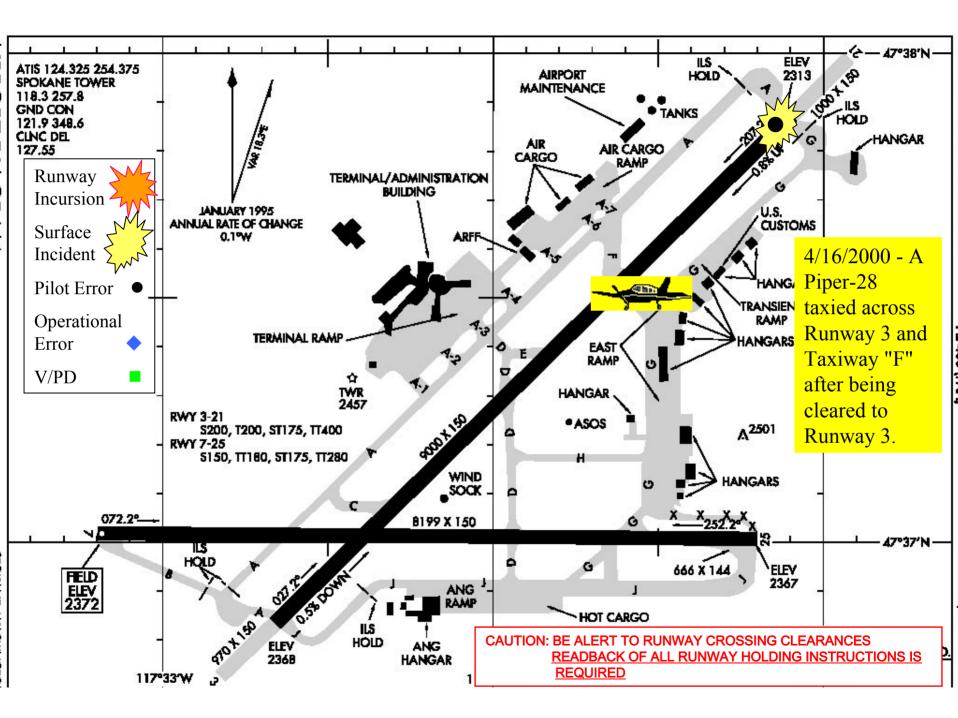


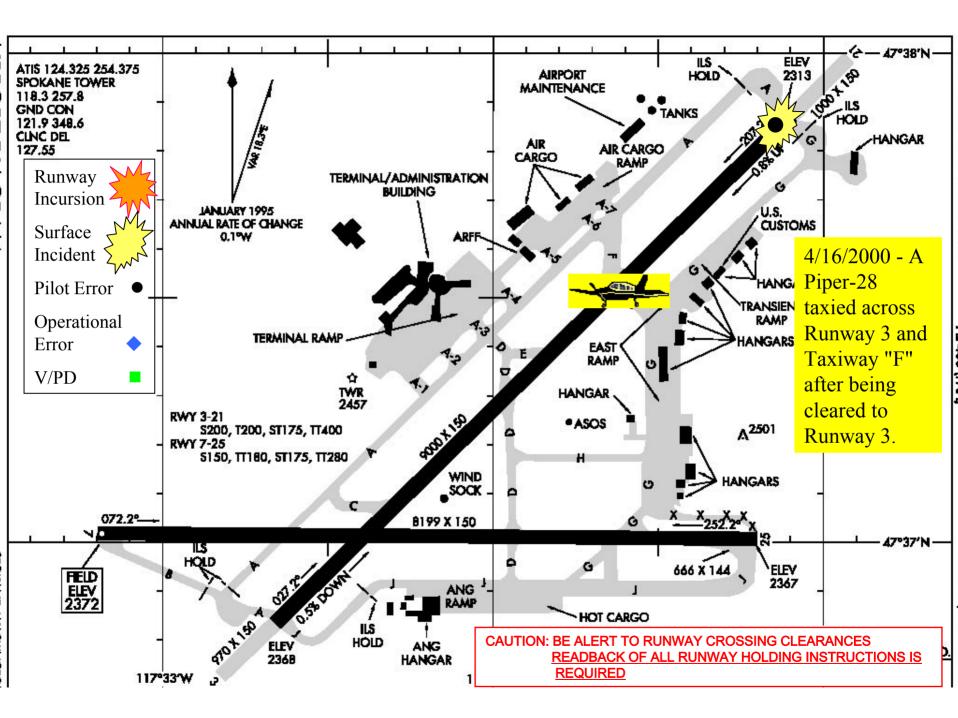


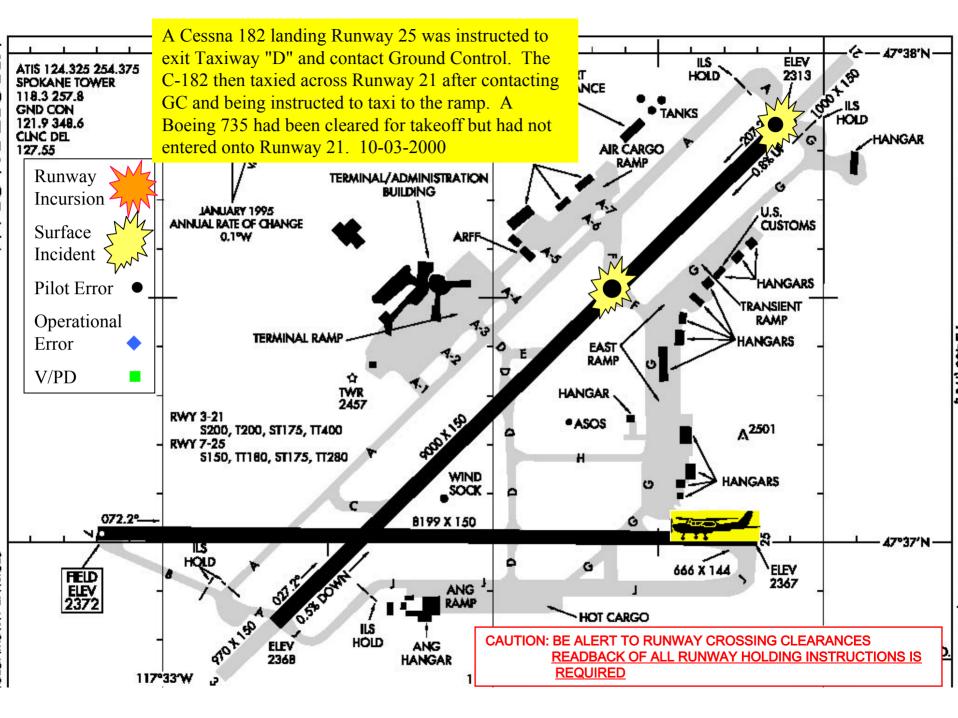


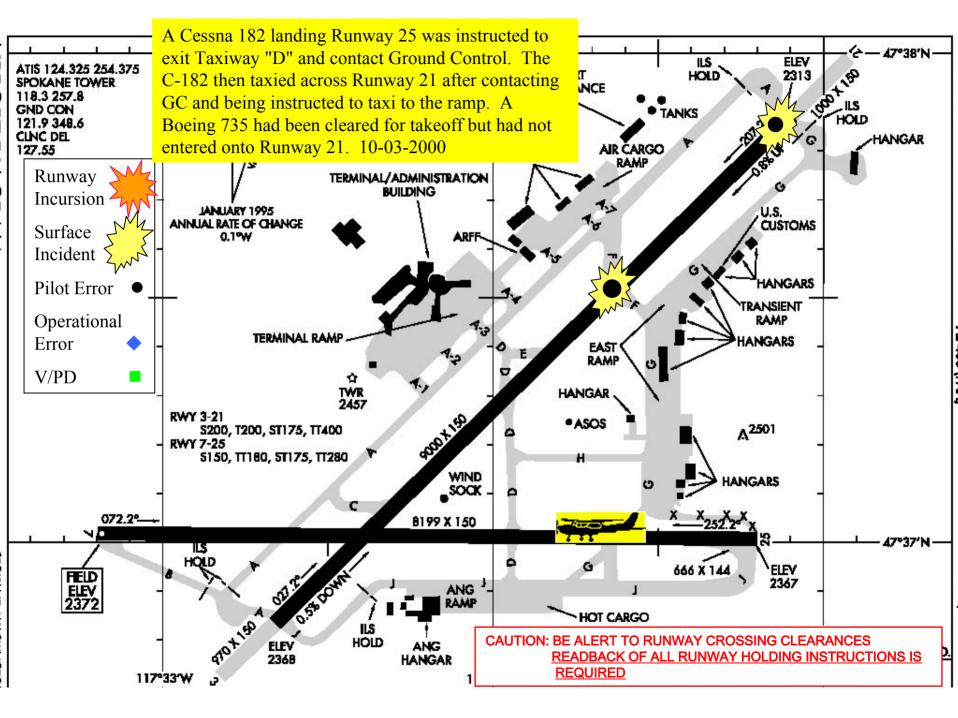


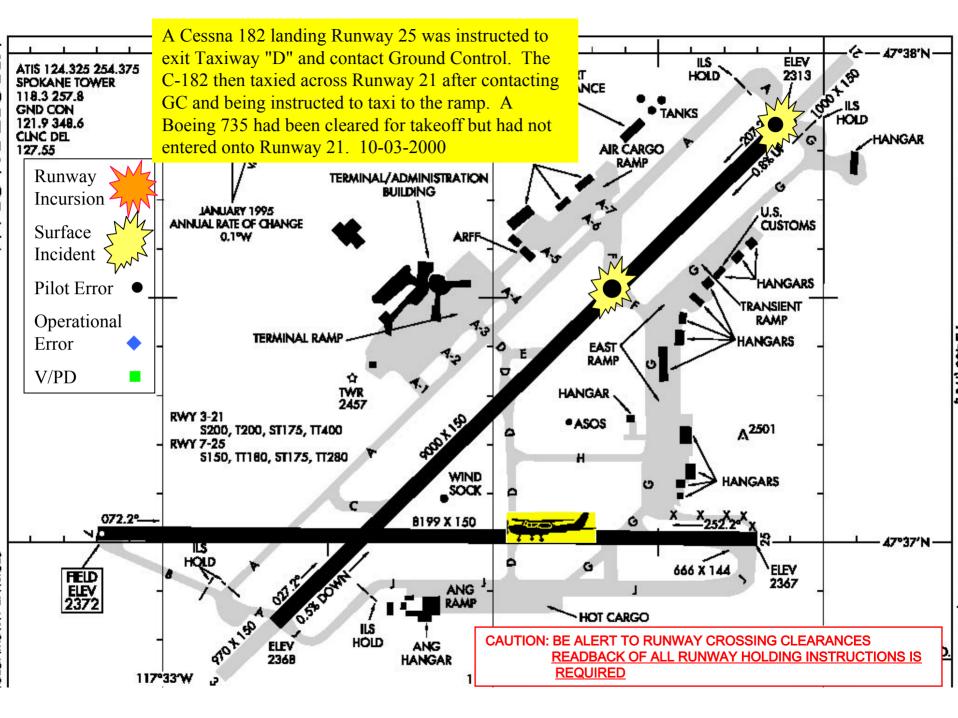


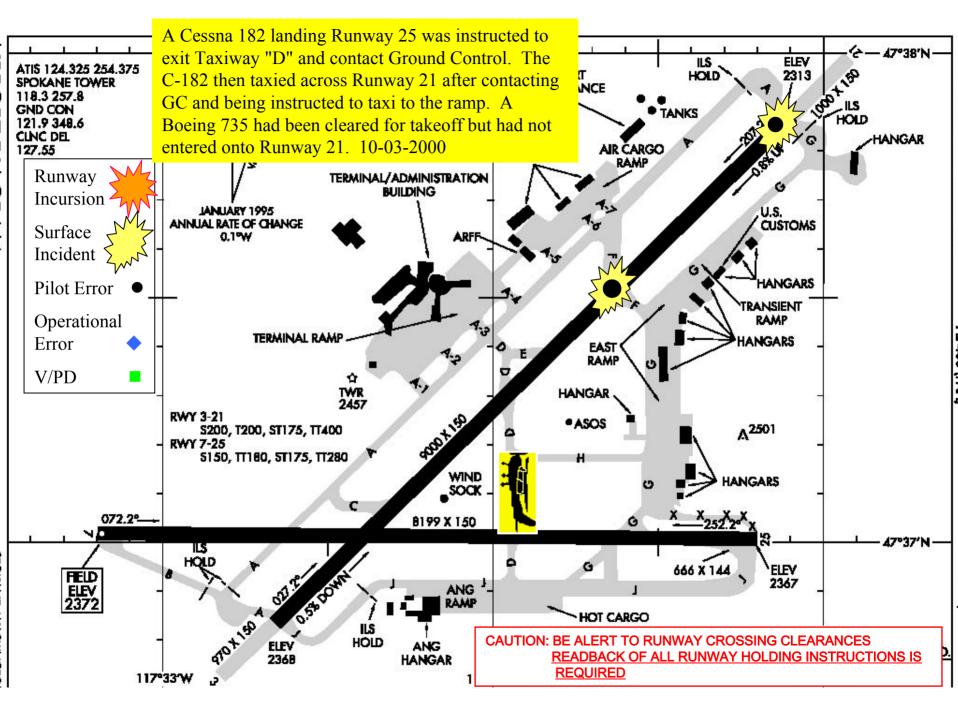


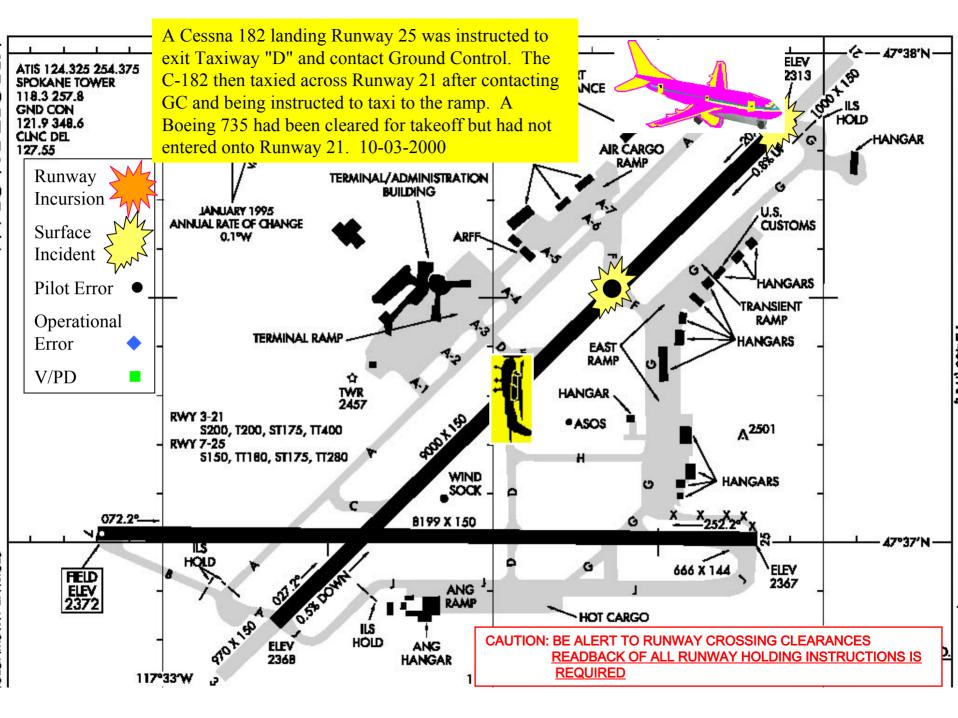


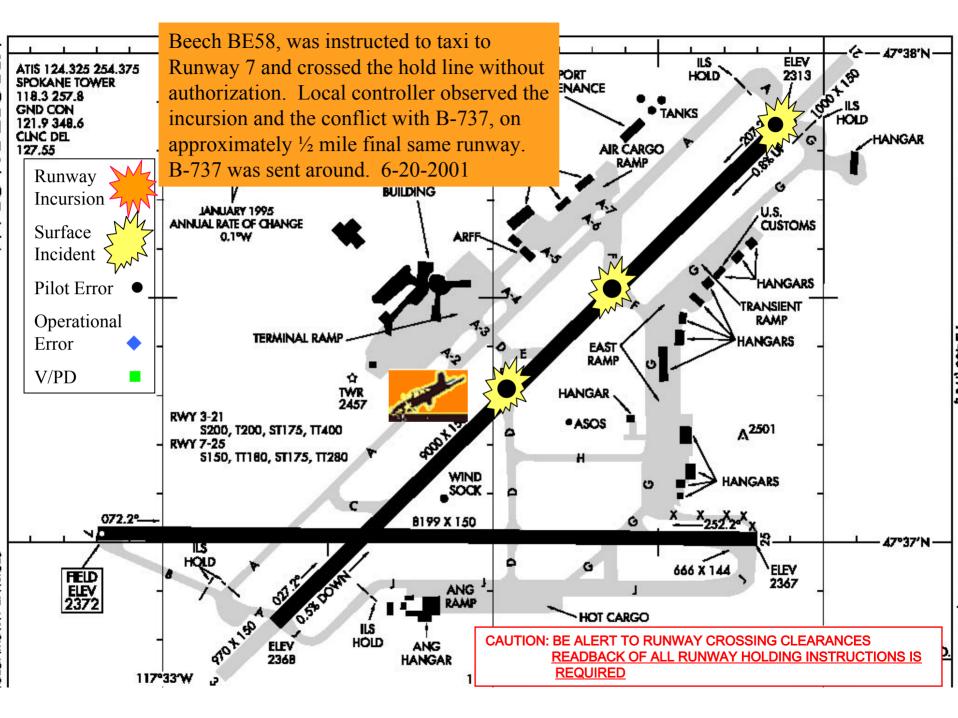


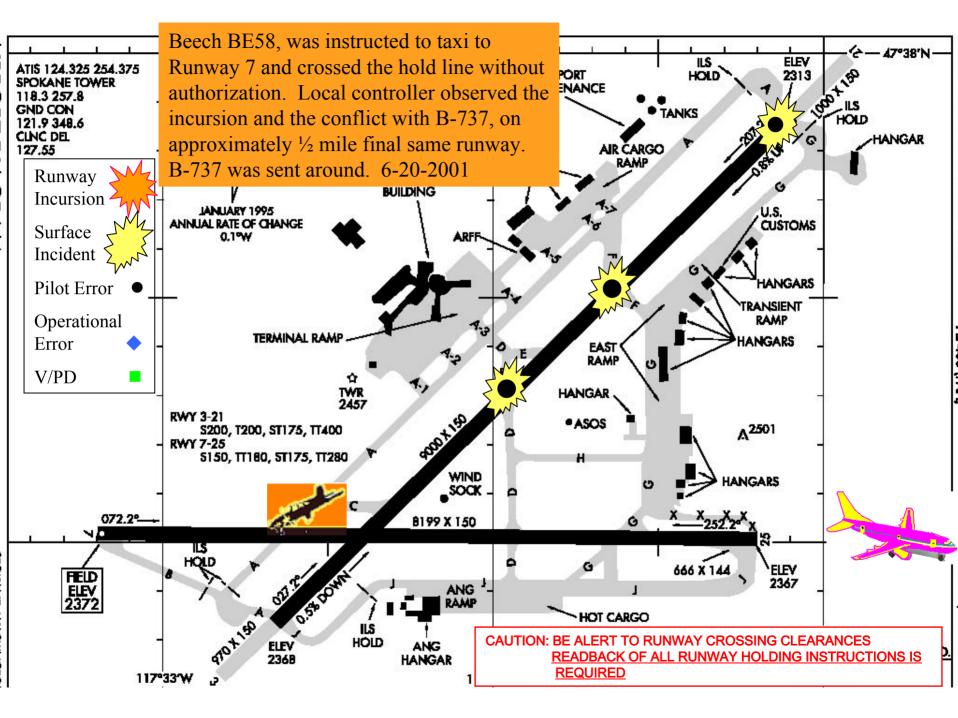


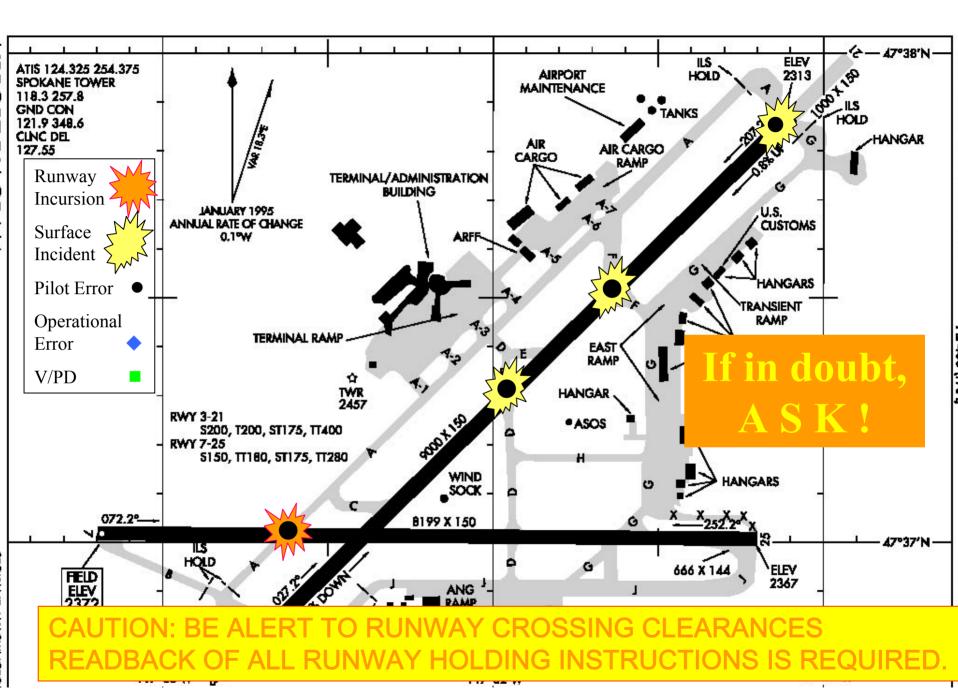
















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• Airport Traffic Control Tower

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